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JP2000-196814 See USP6,565,938; JP9-197566 See USP5,930,008;  
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
Examiner Initial		Patent Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub- Class	Filing Date
	1	6,565,938					
	2	5,930,008					
	3	6,600,579					
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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	1	11-313198		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	2	2-186870		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	3	10-56542		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	4	5-199352		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	5	2000-78368		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	6	5-30297		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	7	2000-196814		Japan See USP6,565,938			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	8	9-197566		Japan See USP5,930,008			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	9	6-233062		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	10	2000-349964		Japan See USP6,600,579			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	11	11-213129		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	12	2000-152008		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	13	2000-287017		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	14	2000-310820		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	15	10-224570		Japan w/abstract			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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